

Freaks of the Lightning.

[From the Newark Daily Advertiser, Sept. 28.]
The heavy thunder storm which visited this city last evening was very severe, and appears to have produced some of the most singular results ever noticed in this vicinity. The lightning struck mainly about seven o'clock, and gradually increased from a few bolts, to a continuous accompaniment by thunder and torrents of rain, till about eight o'clock, when the heavens seemed almost to explode, with a report which was felt in various parts of the city. The spire of the South Baptist Church, in Kinney street, which was unprotected by a rod, was struck, shivering the timbers at the top, and tearing off a part of the outside covering. Fragments of both were carried a considerable distance. The church was uninhabited in the church at the time, and several of the members were momentarily stunned. A nail box and tools which had been left by the workmen in the spire, was torn to pieces, the nails being scattered in every direction.

A lady sitting at a window in Cottage street, we are told, had her hand paralyzed, and contracted, like the same shock, so that it was nearly closed.

Three windows in a plain shop, temporarily erected on the hill opposite the new Presbyterian Church, in course of erection on the hill (Rev. Mr. Poor's) were all knocked down, and stunned for some minutes. One of them, who had the hammer in his hand over the anvil, was thrown across it. A correspondent sends us the following:—

The terrific thunder claps of last evening, struck the house of one of our most respectable citizens in High street. The bolt descended in a space too small for so tremendous a charge of electric fluid, which consequently scattered from it to other conductors in the neighborhood, in the unusual globular form—balls of fire bursting through the wall of a partition in the attic, and rolling about the floor in presence of the frightened occupants, in a most extraordinary manner. Several such balls also seemed to fall on the roof outside, and to roll thence into the church. But the most remarkable effect of the lightning was the exhibition in the parlors, where were assembled several gentlemen and ladies. There was a tremendous crash of the thunder started every one, and immediately a portion of the charge passing apparently down a blue in the centre of the room, filling the air with an insupportable sulphuric odor, and scattering several of the same fearful red balls, two of which struck one gentleman, and another, who was seated near him, fell into a corner of the room. The electric fluid also struck, overturned, and emptied a full cake basket, and broke several strings of a piano forte, before accomplishing its fatal circuit. It then left a sorely terrified group, though all sincerely thankful that no lives were lost.

In Plainfield the house of the Rev. Mr. Drake was struck, demolishing the chimney, splitting down one of the gables ends of the house, and otherwise injuring it. No injury to the inmates.

From New Brunswick we learn that the lightning was not so severe as in the shower the night before, in which a house was struck, doing no other damage, however, than demolishing the chimney. The atmosphere this morning was most agreeably fresh and elastic.

SHIPPING.

FOR LIVERPOOL—UNITED STATES MAIL STREAMSHIP ATLANTIC. Capt. Jas. West. This steamship will sail for Liverpool on Saturday, October 12th, from New York, and will be bound for Europe, arriving Saturday, October 26th, having secured until paid for. All letters must pass through the post office. For freight or passage, have unequalled facilities. EDWARD K. COLLINS, 50 Wall street.

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Prizes of passage from New York to Liverpool, \$100. Each passenger may bring \$500 in specie, \$200 and \$300. From Liverpool to New York, \$300 and \$300. From Liverpool to New York, \$300. An experienced Surgeon attached to each ship.

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From New York, SAT., Oct. 26th.

From Liverpool, SAT., Nov. 2nd.

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